

**REMARKS**

Applicant has now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of April 27, 2007.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

**The Office Action**

**Claims 1, 2, 4, 5-7, 9-11, 14 and 17-23** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Volftsun (U.S. Patent No. 6,111,893).

**Claim 8** stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Volftsun in view of Fischer (U.S. Patent No. 5,845,139).

**Claims 24 and 25** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Volftsun in view of Ogren (U.S. Publication No. 20020114321).

**Claims 2-3, 12-13, and 15-16** are cancelled.

**Claims 1, 4-11, 14, and 17-25** remain in the application.

**Telephonic Interview with Examiner**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges an opportunity given by the Examiner to teleconference meet for an interview on July 23, 2007. Applicant discussed with the Examiner the present application and applied prior art Volftsun (U.S. Patent No. 6,111,893). As a result of the Interview, it is Applicant's understanding that the claims amended to include the language "a common computing platform" and "a peripheral data protocol" would overcome rejection over Volftsun and Ogren.

**Claims Distinguish over Cited Prior Art**

**Claim 1** calls for among other elements: a communication device to support simultaneous data communication of first and second external devices with the common computing platform using a respective first or second peripheral data communication protocol.

Volftsun describes a conversion between two different telephonic protocols of the end-user telephone devices. E.g., an incoming telephonic protocol of a first device is parsed and converted into the telephonic protocol recognizable by the second device by a universal protocol converter. Volftsun does not describe communicating with multiple data protocols to the common computing platform. None of the end-user telephone devices communicates using multiple protocols. The network 102, indicated in the Office Action as a common platform, is not a computing platform with which the devices communicate, but rather an intermediary device which communicates using a single protocol. (Col. 6, lines 54+). "The network 102 includes a plurality of network infrastructure comprised of switches, transmission equipment, and customer premises equipment." (Col. 6, lines 38-40). Therefore, Volftsun (1) does not describe peripheral data protocols; (2) does not describe communicating to a common computing platform via the communication device; and (3) does not describe an end-user device capable of communicating using different peripheral data protocols.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that **claim 1 and dependent claim 4** distinguish patentably and unobviously over Volftsun.

**Claim 5** calls for among other elements: a communication device to support simultaneous communications of the external devices with the common computing platform using at least two peripheral data communication protocols.

The arguments above in relation to claim 1 are equally applicable here. It is therefore respectfully submitted that **claim 5 and dependent claims 6-11** distinguish patentably and unobviously over Volftsun.

**Claim 14** calls for among other elements: communicatively coupling first and second external devices, each to communicate via a respective first or second peripheral data communication protocol, to a computing platform with a communication device. The arguments above in relation to claim 1 are equally applicable here. It is therefore respectfully submitted that **claim 14 and dependent claim 17** distinguish patentably and unobviously over Volftsun.

**Claim 18** calls for among other elements: adaptively couple first and second external devices, which each communicates using a respective first or second peripheral data communication protocol, to a computing platform with first and second communication interfaces which each to recognize and support a respective first or second peripheral data communication protocol. The arguments above in relation to claim 1 are equally applicable here. It is therefore respectfully submitted that **claim 18 and dependent claims 19-20** distinguish patentably and unobviously over Volftsun.

In addition to its relationship to claim 1, **Claim 24** calls for among other elements: a wireless apparatus to wirelessly transmit data. It is asserted in the Office Action that Volftsun and Ogren are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor in adapting multiple telephone devices (p. 6 of Office Action). But, neither Volftsun, nor Ogren is concerned with general data communication systems or communicating via peripheral data protocols. As such, neither Volftsun, nor Ogren is analogous art regarding present application. It is therefore respectfully submitted that **claim 24** distinguishes patentably and unobviously over Volftsun and Ogren, taken singularly or in combination.

In addition to its relationship to claim 1, **Claim 25** calls for among other elements: the communication device comprises a wireless device to wirelessly transmit data. It is asserted in the Office Action that Volftsun and Ogren are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor in adapting multiple telephone devices (p. 6 of Office Action). But, neither Volftsun, nor Ogren is concerned with general data communication systems or communicating via peripheral data protocols. As such, neither Volftsun, nor Ogren is analogous art regarding present application. It is therefore respectfully submitted that **claim 25** distinguishes patentably and unobviously over Volftsun and Ogren, taken singularly or in combination.

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**CONCLUSION**

For at least the reasons detailed above, it is submitted that all claims remaining in the application (**Claims 1, 4-11, 14, and 17-25**) are in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

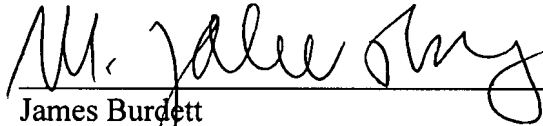
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If the Examiner finds a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call Marina Zalevsky at the telephone number listed below.

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